Bible & Daily Living

The way of faith

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Bible Study Passages: Romans 1:1, 8-17

INTRODUCTION

I have sometimes suggested that Christians should be like E. F. Hutton, that is, when we speak, people listen! And we do have something to speak about. God has graced us with a Gospel of good news to all who are broken or who have lost their way. And we have a responsibility to share this Gospel in our daily words and deeds.

Jesus said to us in his Great Commission:

I want every friend I have to be a talker; not simply the preacher; but every friend of mine should talk for me everywhere. And I will always be with you.

Paul was a great "talker" for Christ. He was also a greater writer for our Lord. We are indebted to Paul for the bulk of the New Testament excluding the Gospels. Paul took time to write out his beliefs and experiences with Christ. We, too, may benefit from writing down our pilgrimage with Christ. What a nice gift to leave our children!

PAUL'S MESSAGE AND MISSION [Romans 1:1-7]

Paul always referred to himself as a slave to Jesus Christ. This meant he was committed to proclaiming the Good News with his life and energies. He always kept before him and his audience the fact that he was divinely appointed. He was an apostle for Jesus, that is, a messenger.

Paul's theme throughout his writings center on Jesus Christ as the Son of God. Paul always affirms Christ's pre-eminence and his secondary role. Paul always took a backseat to Christ in his proclamation of the Gospel.

The apostle always wished only the best for his readers. He wished for them the grace and peace of Jesus Christ in their daily walk.

PAUL'S PRAISE FOR BELIEVERS [Romans 1:8-15]

The apostle never failed to affirm those who proclaimed their belief in Christ. He constantly affirmed them and encouraged them to hold fast their faith in Christ.

The Christians in Rome faced enormous adverse pressures for their ties to the Christian Way. Although Paul did not found the church in Rome, he heard of their zealous efforts to live their faith throughout his mission tours. Even though he did not go to Rome (so far as we know), Paul kept in touch with his correspondence. He encourages them on in the faith.

PAUL'S PERSONAL COMMITMENT [Romans 1:16-17]

Verses 16 and 17 are well-known by Christians. Many sermons have been preached on these verses to encourage Christians never to be ashamed of the Gospel. We may wonder how it is that anyone could be ashamed of God's love of us through Christ. Paul came down hard on those who would forsake the truths of the Gospel and deny it's power.

Paul testified to the power of the Gospel in his own life. He confessed how he persecuted the church until Christ called him to be a servant.

These verses reveal the profound essence of the Gospel, namely, that God can accomplish what we cannot accomplish alone. We are made acceptable by the grace of God through the cross. Paul closes by saying that "The just shall live by faith." It is sheer belief that saves us, not works or good behavior.

1. Take a moment to write out a statement of your faith.
2. If you were going to write a friend about your experience with Christ, what would you say?
3. Name some ways the Christian's behavior might reflect shame towards the Gospel.

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Kirch visits members of Catholic families

During the month of August, the Rev. Richard Kirch, pastor of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, began visiting the homes of all members of the local church.

Catholics who are not attending church on a regular basis and anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic tradition are included in these visits. The purpose of the visits is to listen and respond to questions about the church.

"The Universal Church embraces many types of worship and responses to God and it is the diversity of background that needs to be identified since most local Catholics come from other areas," said Jim Collins, member of the church.

Each Sunday a different gospel reading focuses upon another aspect of the call of Jesus. Recently the reading was Matthew 16: 13-20 where Jesus asks of Peter "Who do you say that I am?" and Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

"The pastoral visits are an opportunity for individuals, wherever they may be on their journey of faith, to help the Rev. Kirch understand how best to minister in Appomattox. Each Catholic Christian, sometime on his journey must, in his own heart, respond to the question Jesus asked, "Who do you say that I am?" The home visitation follows the gospel directive of going two by two. The Pastor is accompanied by another member of the parish community," said Collins.

"The vision is that the community will better understand one another's background and move forward, understanding the worship needs of one another, yet together responding to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God," Collins added.

Anyone wishing to have the pastor and members visit this year who may not be on the parish list, may send a note to the Rev. Richard Kirch, P. O. Box 11, Appomattox, VA 24522. Include phone number and address.

Regular services are held at 11:30 a.m. Sunday and weekday Mass at 12:15 p.m. Friday at the church building located just off Route 24 on Route 627.

At St. Luke

Homecoming day noted

The congregation at St. Luke Baptist Church observed their annual homecoming day on Aug. 5.

The Rev. R. R. Jones presided over the morning service, and the Young Adult Choir provided soul-stirring music.

A large group attended and enjoyed the service, and a bountiful dinner was served in the dining area of the church after the service.

The Rev. Donald Johnson, from the Court Street Baptist Church in Lynchburg, was guest speaker for the evening service.

Revival services, held the following week, were led by the Rev. Charles Franklin, from the Ray of Hope Baptist Church in Baltimore, Md.

The regular worship service was held Aug. 19 at 11 a.m., with the Rev. R. R. Jones presiding. The Young Adult Choir provided music.

Mrs. Louise Canada and her son, Samuel attended homecoming services at Pilor Mountain Baptist Church Aug. 19.

Recently, Mrs. Louise Canada attended the Ladies Day session of the Cornerstone Baptist Association at Peaceful Baptist Church, the Rev. Hyman Payne, pastor.

Miss Ogie Hancock, one of the oldest members of St. Luke Baptist Church, passed away in July.

We pray for the sick and the shut-in everywhere.

Promise Land news

"Be sure you are right, then keep on going. In other words keep on keeping on."

The Promise Land Sunday School will sponsor a trip to Busch Gardens on Saturday, Sept. 8. The price of the trip (including admission to the park, and bus transportation) is $15. The bus will leave Promise Land Church at 7 a.m. All persons interested in going should call 352-2264, or see Jacquetta Pettigrew.

We extend an invitation to you to worship with us on Sunday, Sept. 9 for the 10 a.m. Sunday School service and the 11 a.m. worship service.

The Cornerstone Baptist Union will meet at Promise Land on Sept. 30 (Fifth Sunday).

We would like to thank each and everyone for making our Homecoming and Revival a God-filled and successful event.

Let us remember the sick and shut-in our deed's and prayers.

Times-Virginian

WORSHIP

At Pamplin church

Flea market planned

The Pamplin United Methodist Women will sponsor a flea market this Saturday, Sept. 8, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the property adjoining the church.

Everyone is invited to come out and participate in this fundraiser for the organization.

Death Notices

Eldora Tyree Cheatham

Eldora Tyree Cheatham, 62, of Spout Spring died Saturday evening in Lynchburg General Hospital. She was the wife of Edward Douglas Cheatham.

She was born in Bedford County, a daughter of the late John B. and Ida Belle Hicks Tyree. She attended Reedy Spring Baptist Church and was a retired charge aid at Central Virginia Training Center with 25 years of service.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Judy C. Bradley of Danville; one son, Calvin E. Campbell of Evington; four step-children, Patricia Gunter of New London and Nancy Doss, Shirley Doss and Betty Lou Johnson, all of Appomattox; two sisters, Evelyn T. Nelson of Millboro and Juanita T. Reynolds of Baltimore, Md.; six grandchildren and seven stepgrand-children.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Monday at Reedy Spring Baptist Church by the Rev. Jim Kerr and David Brooks. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Ella Robbins Drinkard

Ella Robbins Drinkard, 91, of Madison Heights, died at 3:40 p.m. Friday, Aug. 31, 1984, in Guggenheimer Memorial Hospital. Her husband was the late Corbert Drinkard.

Born in Summers County, W.Va., she was a daughter of the late William K. Robbins and Jane Moody Robbins. She was a member of Fairview Christian Church.

She is survived by a sister, Josephine Toothman, West Virginia; a grandson, Melvin (Bebop) Carter, Madison Heights; three granddaughters, Sandra Susenback, Richmond, Betty Fleshman, Appomattox, and Peggy Eubank, Madison Heights; and six great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at Meade Cemetery by Dr. Willie Davis.

Mrs. Mazie L. Ferguson

Mrs. Mazie L. Ferguson, 709 Franklin St., Lynchburg, departed this life Friday morning, August 31, in the Lynchburg Nursing Home.

Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of the late Sam and Mary Lambert. She was married to the late Savan Ferguson.

She is survived by a devoted niece, Mrs. Helen Claxton, Lynchburg; and a host of other nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 1 p.m. from Jordan Baptist Church, the Rev. Carl Hutcherson Jr. officiating, with interment in the church cemetery.

Carl B. Hutcherson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Aileen Meade Jackson

Aileen Meade Jackson, 72, of Shipman, died Friday afternoon in a Lynchburg hospital.

Born in Nelson County at Shipman Sept. 2, 1911, she was a daughter of the late Percy Fitzgerald and Edna Wood Fitzgerald. She was the widow of William E. Jackson Sr., who died on May 28, 1984. She was a former employee of F. R. Moon Co. and W. R. Moon & Co., previously of Shipman. She was member of Montreal Methodist Church, which is now Nelson United Methodist Church.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Beulah Ragland, Gladstone, and Mrs. Ruby Thompson, Shipman; three brothers, Carroll E. Fitzgerald, Shipman, Peyton T. Fitzgerald, Lynchburg, and Graham R. Fitzgerald, Fairfield, Ohio; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Maxine J. Christian, Richmond, Mrs. Ann J. Moon, Shipman, and Mrs. Shirley J. Coincon, Metairie, La.; one stepson, William E. Jackson Jr., Clifton; and eight stepgrandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2 p.m. from Shipman Baptist Church, with the Revs. Robert Massie and Melvin Campbell officiating. Interment followed in the Davis cemetery at Shipman.

Funeral arrangements were by the Wells/Sheffield Funeral Chapel of Lovingston.

Mrs. Ella Nowlin

Mrs. Ella Nowlin of Route 3, Box 393, Rustburg, departed this life Thursday, Aug. 30, 1984 in Lynchburg General Hospital. She was married to the late John Adam Nowlin.

Born in Campbell County, she was a daughter of the late Albert Nowlin and Mrs. Rhodie Nowlin. She was a member of Flat Creek Baptist Church.

She is survived by two sons, Stonewall Nowlin of Lynchburg and Roger Nowlin of Appomattox; one brother, Peyton Nowlin; one sister, Mrs. Eliza Jackson; one foster sister, Mrs. Loretta Beverly, and one devoted granddaughter, Mrs. Rhodie Herndon, all of Rustburg; six other grandchildren; a host of other relatives and friends.

Her remains rest at Carl B. Hutcherson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Maggie Hodnett Roark

Mrs. Maggie Hodnett Roark, 84, of South Boston died Thursday, Aug. 30, 1984 in a South Boston hospital.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Vida R. Hodnett of South Boston and Mrs. Lois R. McCullough of Brookneal; three sons, T. L. (Whitey) Roark of South Boston, Elijah B. Roark Jr. of Richmond and Raymond Ray Roark of Lynchburg; four sisters, Mrs. Doris Tucker of Chatham, Mrs. Millie Paschal of Winston-Salem, N.C., Mrs. Evelyn Worsham of Nathalie and Mrs. Herman Hodnett of Danville; two brothers, Eugene D. Hodnett Sr. of Nathalie and Bernard O. Hodnett of Rustburg; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Saturday at 2 p.m. from Powell Funeral Home chapel. Burial was in Oak Ridge Cemetery.

Jordan church news

The Senior Choir at Jordon Baptist Church will practice Thursday, Sept. 6, at 7:30 p.m., with Mrs. Roberta Womack. All members are asked to please attend this practice.

Don't forget the second Sunday-night preaching service. This is an important part of our worship service. The Junior Choir will sing.

The Young Adult Choir will practice Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

In Pamplin

Historical Society to meet

The Appomattox County Historical Society will meet in Pamplin, Monday, Sept. 10.

A tour of Pamplin begins at the Clay Pipe Museum at 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. with Mr. Raymond Dickerson serving as narrator. At 5:45 everyone is asked to take his or her covered dish to Elon Baptist Church.

The walking tour will begin at 6:00 p.m. leaving from the church. The tour will include exterior viewing of old homes and churches in the area.

Immediately after the tour, a covered dish supper will be served. Afterwards a short business meeting will be held.

Details of the Sept. 22 paper drive will be discussed.

Club plans flea market

The Evergreen Ruritan Club will hold a car wash and flea market on Saturday, Sept. 8, starting at 10 a.m. at the Evergreen Ruritan Community Center.

There will be a $2 charge for the car wash and a small fee for setting up at the flea market.

All proceeds from the events will be used for remodeling the community center.

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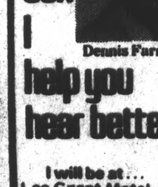
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